

3. The great and yeracious ADITI, the mother (of the gods), gave birth to those two who are possessed of all affluence, and shining with great splendour, for the (destruction of the) *Asuras*^

4. The great MITBA and YARTJNA, the two sove-reign* and powerful f deities, the observers of truth, illumel¹ our solemn rite.

'5. Grandsons of mighty strength, sons^ of energy, doers of good deeds, liberal benefactors, they preside over the habitation of food.

Vargaxxix. 6. Bestow (upon us) good gifts, viands^ whether of heaven or^earth: may the water-shedding rains attend upon you.

5. (These are they) who look upon the great deities as (a bull contemplates) the herd, sovereigns Db servant of truth and propitious to adoration.

6. Observers of truth, doers of good deeds, they sit down for the office of sovereignty; f observant of obligations, endowed with strength, they acquire vigour.²

¹ The text lias *ghoshatah*, which Sayana renders *swattiptyd prakdsayatah*.

² *K&atriyd hhatram dsatuji* is explained *fialavanfau lalam vydpnutak*.

* Sayana, as usual, explains *samrdjd* as "perfectly resplendent," *samyag dvpyamdnav*; and so, too, in v. 7.

| *Asurd* is also explained as "impelling by being
the in-
dwelling principle," *antarydmitayd <prerabau*.
J Cf. vol. i. p. 66, verse 10.